



October 2022

Greetings from Our President

"All I Really Need To Know, I Learned In My Garden!"

These are the things I learned:

- ◆ Share everything (especially tomatoes and zucchini)
- ◆ Don't hit vegetables (with your hoe or your toe)
- ◆ Put things back where you found them (especially your soil knife)
- ◆ Clean up your own mess (pull the small weeds now and larger ones later)
- ◆ Wash your hands before you eat (except for strawberries and cherry tomatoes)
- ◆ Flush (rinse your rain barrels with a bit of bleach each year)
- ◆ Be patient, take turns (it takes 45-90 days for most vegetables)
- ◆ Live a balanced life
- ◆ Learn some and think some (study seed catalogs and draw up a garden plan)
- ◆ Take a nap every afternoon (do your gardening in the cool of the morning)
- ◆ When you go out into the world, watch out for spiny weeds

[Inspired by [Robert Fulghum](#), Author, *All I Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten*]

Jim Spannagel

2022 Fall/Winter Meetings

- October 24
- November 28
- December 12 Holiday Party

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October Program

October 24th @ 7 PM, St. Simon's Church

Garden Tools Maintenance 101

Presented by Amy Greenamyer



"The last thing I want to do after a day of gardening is to stop and clean up garden tools!" Sound familiar? So, with that in mind, come hear Amy speak about what you should know about your garden tools and how to use them appropriately. These simple steps can save you time, save your back and enhance your garden for the next season! Here is your opportunity to bring in a problem tool, an unidentified tool or discuss how to sharpen your tool.

Amy Greenamyer grew up on an Indiana farm, so gardening has always been a part of her life. She has a degree in Environmental Science and Horticulture from Olivet College. After graduation, Amy worked for Disney World in Florida doing topiaries, planting flowers, and working on pest control. Amy moved to Chicago in 2002 where she has worked in landscaping, horticultural therapy and for the Brookfield Zoo. In 2017, she left the Zoo and started her own gardening client business, "A Manageable Garden by Amy."



Monthly Meetings

Our monthly general meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, September through May.

During the summer, June and July Meetings are held in Members' Gardens.

Meeting Agenda

7-7:30 PM Social time
7:30 PM Business meeting begins
8:00 PM Speaker program presentation begins
9:00 PM Presentation and questions wraps up

Meeting Location

Our meetings are held at [Saint Simon's Episcopal Church](#) in their basement meeting space.

Saint Simon's is located at 717 West Kirchoff Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, and is right next to NW Community Hospital. There is ample parking next to the building. Enter the large west side parking lot and proceed to the west side of the building. You will see a sign, "Parish Hall," next to the stairs. Take the stairs down to the basement entrance. For those who are "stair challenged," you will enter at the parking level entrance to the right of the stairs and take an elevator down to the basement. There is a sign outside indicating the West elevator entrance. A club member will be there to assist you with the elevator. Click on [map](#) for directions.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Did You Know?

Our newsletter is published in a PDF as a digital document. The club newsletters are archived and available on our club website.

Whenever you see **red underlined text** in the newsletter, this text is a link to a specific website or member's email address. Simply click on this ***link*** to open/access the website, or send an email to the person's email address.



Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.

— Frank Lloyd Wright

TEAM HOSPITALITY

Be a part of our hospitality team and join in the fun. Participate in any of these activities as your time permits:

- Set up for our Garden Club meeting—come around 6:30 to help set up
- Take down—stay for 10-15 minutes after the meeting to put chairs away
- Help with our first food collection for Wheeling Township Food Pantry
- Help plan the holiday party!
- Like to arrange flowers? Help with the holiday party floral arrangements
- Fill and distribute “Breakfast Bags” for Garden Walk vendors in June
- Help with our August Picnic!

It's easy to get involved. Just show up if you'd like to help with meeting set-up and take-down. *Thank you to all our members that are already helping out* with meeting setup and takedown.

If you have an interest in any of the other activities, simply contact us so we can reach out to you when those events occur. Volunteering is an excellent opportunity to meet new friends and/or get together with friends you already know!

[Joe](#) and [Marilyn Weber](#)

Eagle Scout Project at South Middle School

Pete Landwehr | Treasurer

The AHGC donated plants to Christopher Pawlak, an Eagle Scout candidate with Boy Scout Troop 132, for his project at South Middle School. Christopher completed his requirements and was awarded the Eagle Scout rank in early October. Congratulations to Christopher!

We recently received this letter from Christopher.



Dear Mr. Landwehr and the Arlington Heights Garden Club,

Thank you so very much for supporting my Eagle Scout Project at South Middle School. As you can see by the attached pictures the project looks beautiful and was a huge success.

I am proud to share that on 10/5/22, I successfully passed my Eagle Scout Board of Review. This would not have been possible without your support. Thank you again for your confidence in me and your support in my pursuit to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sincerely,

Christopher Pawlak

Eagle Scout
Boy Scout Troop 132



Green Your Halloween

June Miller | Conservation



Seven Generations Ahead (SGA) is an organization which works with local government, community and private sector leaders to help communities make the changes they need to build a healthy and sustainable future and to provide recommendations for global environmental issues. They noted that "Americans spent an estimated \$9 billion on Halloween in 2018, an average of \$86.79 per person. From costumes and trick-or-treating to parties and donating leftover candy, there are many ways to practice a sustainable Halloween and still have fun each fall." Also, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook (SWANCC) notes that in the U.S. alone, over one billion pounds of pumpkins are tossed into landfills each year. Yikes!

Let's promote zero waste for the planet and share these [fun ideas](#) for a green Halloween.



Thank You to Our Volunteers

Kathy Wolan and Mike Relaz

We would like to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum to remove all the ivy that has been invading the museum garden for many years.

Our volunteers for this project include:

- Dilyanka Chardaklieva
- Lew and Sheila Coffin
- Heike Holm
- Aileen Koeppen
- Bev Krams
- Jesse Olson
- Dee Schurman
- Dale Sturm

We had a beautiful day for our project and a fantastic job was done by all. Many thanks for all your efforts. We couldn't have done it without you!

Get the MOST from your Membership!

Renie Norkiewicz | Membership

It is our experience that member participation in club activities provides a more interesting and enjoyable club. Our members join with a common interest in gardening, however, many of our members have other special skills and talents. The BEST way to enjoy our club is to utilize those skills.

Each committee on the AHGC Board has provided a brief introduction with a few suggestions on how members can participate. This is an opportunity for our members to use their talents, get familiar with club activities, share common interests, and establish new friendships.

For your convenience, each committee includes the chairperson's name and email. Feel free to contact them with any questions.

ARTISTIC: Barb Franks

Do you like crafts and being creative? Do you enjoy organizing fun artistic events?

- Participate in new ideas for garden related workshops or events.
- Coordinate seasonal container workshops.
- Help organize mosaic workshops to create art for our gardens.
- Coordinate Holiday Tree Trimming Program at 3 locations in Arlington Heights.

CIVICS: Dee Schurman and Mike Relaz

Do you enjoy the outdoors, like to get your hands dirty and help beautify and maintain gardens around the community? Join us and make new friends, learn about plants and their maintenance while having fun.

CONSERVATION: June Miller

Are you interested in becoming a better steward of our land, wanting to support, protect, and sustain our natural resources? This committee will help you learn more about conservation in diverse and impactful ways.

- Help organize guided tours of natural areas and facilities supporting natural resources.
- Participate in fun & educational activities at local schools such as Earth Day/Arbor Day.
- Raise awareness of preserving our environment for our future generations.
- Recognize the gradual changes in our climate and teach others what to do about it.

GARDEN WALK: Karen Reeb and Linda Heller

Do you enjoy the excitement of planning a fundraiser that benefits the community? The Garden Walk/Unique Boutique is our annual main event with the goal to raise proceeds to support local communities, educational and environmental programs. There are subcommittees working together to make this event successful and it takes many hands to make it run smoothly. Be part of a team who work well together to make a positive impact on our community while promoting the joy of gardening.

- Participate in one of the 10 planning subcommittees and utilize your skills.
- Volunteer to help with the activities taking place on the day of the event.

HORTICULTURE: Bev Krams

If the science and art of growing plants is your passion, we have a spot for you.

- Do you enjoy writing about plants and gardening?
- Do you enjoy reading gardening books and writing book reviews?
- Do you like researching garden programs the club members would be interested in attending?

HOSPITALITY: Marilyn Weber and Joe Weber

Are you someone who enjoys not only partaking in refreshments but also sharing the fun of that with others?

- General Meeting – Contribute a snack for our general meetings
- Unique Boutique – Handout complimentary breakfast packs to vendors during set-up.
- August Picnic – Help with food service set-up/clean-up
- Holiday Party – Assist with holiday decorations and foodservice set-up/clean-up.

Get the MOST from your Membership! (*Continued from previous page*)

MEMBERSHIP: [Renie Norkiewicz](#) and [Shelley Plischke](#)

If you like to socialize and enjoy meeting new people, this committee is for you.

- Greet members and visitors at our General Meetings to sign-in and wear name badge
- Offer attendees a paper slip to write their name for the raffle prize drawing.

NEWSLETTER: [Mona Frisbie](#)

Production of our monthly newsletter is a team effort and the content is contributed by many members of our club. We are always looking for new content and fresh ideas for the newsletter.

- Do you enjoy taking photos of nature and the outdoors?
- Do you run across articles that would be perfect to include in our newsletter?
- Do you have gardening questions that you would like to have answers to?

PLANT SALE: [Bob Bruett](#)

Volunteer for our annual plant sale and help the club serve the community.

- Volunteer to help dig up plants from older member's yards to sell at the sale.
- Dig up your own plants to donate for sale.
- Volunteer for set up prior to event, and day of sale and tear down.

PROGRAMS: [Nancy Asquini-Dean](#)

- Assist in selecting the list of potential program topics for the next club year.
- Identify and research speakers for the desired topics of interest.
- Work on meeting logistic details with the selected speakers.
- Help with technical support for the committee and presenters at the general meeting.

PUBLICITY: [Connie Landwehr](#) and [Lesley Jackson](#)

The Publicity Committee raises the profile and reputation of the garden club to boost membership and encourage participation in our fundraisers, club activities and monthly meetings. This is done via news publications and social media. The committee chairs provide the articles to the Daily Herald and Chicago Tribune. Facebook and Instagram pages are managed by the chairs to keep information current and available to the public.

- Encourage members to share our Facebook and Instagram posts for upcoming events.
- Forward information on programs & fundraisers to local neighborhood groups.

SCHOLARSHIP: [Emma Visee](#)

Each year, the Arlington Heights Garden Club awards one or more \$2,000 academic scholarships to assist local students.

- Contact high school & college guidance departments to post scholarship information.
- Welcome and introduce scholarship students at our summer club meetings.
- Take photos of students to post on club website, club newsletter, and local newspapers.
- Develop articles about program & students for posting in club newsletter & newspapers.

WEBSITE: [Denise Nowak](#)

Our website is the window into our garden loving community. Our website is designed to invite visitors to come grow with us.

- Develop visually appealing webpages
- Add, update, and organize content
- Work with other committee leads to advertise events
- Automate manual process through website tools
- Represent AHGC as a "go to resource" for gardening information

Gifting Flowers

Bev Krams | Horticulture Chair, and Denise Suender

Are we all still mourning the death of Queen Elizabeth? What an amazing display of loyalty to Her Majesty! But what amazed us the most was her ‘subjects’ desire to shower her with flowers. Flowers were such an important part of her passing.

The British honored their Queen by flocking to the flower shops to purchase their floral bouquets. They laid their tributes to the Queen at the two royal parks, The Green Park and Hyde Park in London, filling the parks with the scent and beauty of flowers. These flowers adorned the parks for almost two weeks after the date of the funeral. Flower tributes continued to fill the area and staff continued to monitor the floral tributes until they deteriorated. Subsequently they were removed and taken to the Hyde Park nursery where they were composted. The organic composted material will continue to be used on shrubberies and landscaping projects in the royal parks and grounds, continuing to honor the Queen!

Flowers continued to play a significant part in this age-old tradition. The wreath on her coffin is what made headlines! The wreath was made of sustainable materials at the request of the King (No floral foam!). England’s moss and oak branches formed the circular nest of the wreath. English oak symbolizes the strength of love. It featured flowers picked from the royal gardens of Buckingham Palace, Clarence House and Highgrove House, at the King’s request. The sprigs of rosemary were for remembrance and myrtle is the ancient symbol of a happy marriage. It is amazing that the myrtle was cut from the same plant that grew a sprig of myrtle in her Late Majesty’s wedding bouquet in 1947. Now how many of us have plants that are still around from 1947?

In addition, the wreath was filled with sweet peas, which is the flower of April and the Queen’s birthday. Sweet peas are also meant to signify departure and good-byes. There was also the old standard, Lily of the Valley, her favorite flower, symbolizing motherhood, purity and good luck. Remember this when you are trying to pull that ‘unruly’ plant out of your garden! White roses were also tucked in the wreath which are associated with loyalty and don’t forget freesias a symbol of perseverance and friendship in honor of her long-lasting marriage.

Colors in the wreath were also chosen for the Royal Standard; shades of gold, pink, deep burgundy and white. The Royal Standard reflects the Sovereign and the United Kingdom. The flowers included pelargoniums (geraniums), garden roses, autumn hydrangea, sedum, dahlias, and scabious (pincushion). These flowers were not only selected for their color but for their meaning:

- Hydrangeas for innocence and abundance
- Sedum as a symbol of peace
- Dahlias represent beauty and commitment
- Scabious as a traditional mourning flower

Not only did the wreath carry ALL these sentimental meanings, the wreath also made British headlines when the BBC camera zoomed in on King Charles note to his ‘Mum’. A large black spider was spotted ‘hitching’ a ride out of town to the resting place of the Queen. And what do spiders signify? Well of course, ancient wisdom, patience and feminine power!!



Halloween Pumpkin Smash

This Halloween, please don't trash your pumpkins; smash them with [University of Illinois Extension](#) at sites located throughout Chicago. Did you know that Illinois is a [top producer of pumpkins in the U.S.](#), but when jack o' lanterns are past their prime, many end up in the trash. In Cook County, 37% of landfill material is food waste, a major source of the greenhouse gas methane. [In Chicago alone, over 500,000 tons of organic waste are sent to landfills annually.](#)

To stop pumpkins from ending up in landfills, Illinois Extension in Cook County is partnering at multiple locations including:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights
302 N Dunton Ave, Arlington Heights IL
November 5 from 9am – 2pm in the East Parking lot

In fact, there's pumpkin smashes all over this year. To find a location near you, [click here](#),

Everyone is welcome to this free family event happening rain or shine. The bigger the better! Please, help us keep tons and tons of compostables out of our landfills. Pumpkins must be free of candles, stickers, glitter, yarn, synthetic decorations. We can compost pumpkins decorated with water-based paints.

The purpose of the event is to divert pumpkins from landfills by providing a location for residents to drop-off jack-o-lanterns, ornamental pumpkins and gourds to be composted. All pumpkins collected are taken to a commercial composting facility and turned into rich nutrients for our soil. Remove candles, wax and decorations (yarn, googly eyes, etc.) before dropping off. Pumpkins painted with acrylic paint will be accepted. Oil based paints are not allowed.

Composting is nature's way of recycling:

- Composting avoids landfill greenhouse gas emissions from decomposing organics
- Composting produces a useful, nutrient-dense soil amendment
- Composting pumpkins reduces the amount of water in landfills.

Composting one ton of pumpkins:

- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions by .75 tons of CO₂;
- Pumpkins are 90% water, Diverts 63 gallons of water from landfills.



VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS Fall Leaves 2:1 Program

October 14 through December 14 residents need to only place 1 sticker for every 2 bags of leaves set out for collection. Many local stores sell the landscape waste stickers. Stickers are also available at Village Hall & the Arlington Heights Senior Center.

For more information visit the Arlington Heights [landscape waste program](#).

Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS GARDENERS CORNER FOR FALL 2022

Grassy Weeds in your lawn?
Are you hydrating, your lawn?
Extending your fall season?
Click [here](#) for help on these fall lawn care topics



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN Adult Education

Night of 1,000 Jack-O-Lanterns
October 19-23 @ 6:30-10:30pm
Click [here](#) to register



THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Human+Nature Sculptures
Now through March 2023
Click [here](#) for details



FERNWOOD BOTANICAL

Take a fall road trip to Fernwood, Niles, MI
Click [here](#) for more information



ARLINGTON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Pumpkin Carving
October 29th from 6-8pm
Click [here](#) to register



CHALET—Prepping Your Garden for Winter

October 28 @ 10am
Click [here](#) for more information



Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

LURVEY - Classes & Workshops

Click [here](#) for more information



PLATT HILL NURSERY—Seminars and Workshops

Click [here](#) for more information



Schweikher House Tour

Looking for something to enjoy and learn from this fall/winter season? Take a tour of the [Schweikher House](#), on the National Historic Register in Schaumburg. The tour provides you with history, architectural design and a tranquil landscape all hidden off a wooded stretch on Meacham Road in Schaumburg. It is a gem!



CFC Acquires New and Significant Preserve

June Miller / Conservation

Last August, the Barrington-based **Citizens for Conservation (CFC)** organization acquired a 246.5-acre parcel of land from The Duchossois Group. This land, located in unincorporated McHenry County and surrounded by Barrington Hills, is considered one of the most desirable tracts of open space in northern Illinois. It encompasses the high-quality Spring Creek, a tributary of the Fox River and its location will be connected to other preserves. This site, formerly named Hill 'N Dale Farm South, will be called Hill 'N Dale Preserve in honor of the Duchossois family. With this purchase, the CFC now owns and protects 777 acres of land in Lake, Cook, and McHenry Counties with this being the 14th and largest preserve.

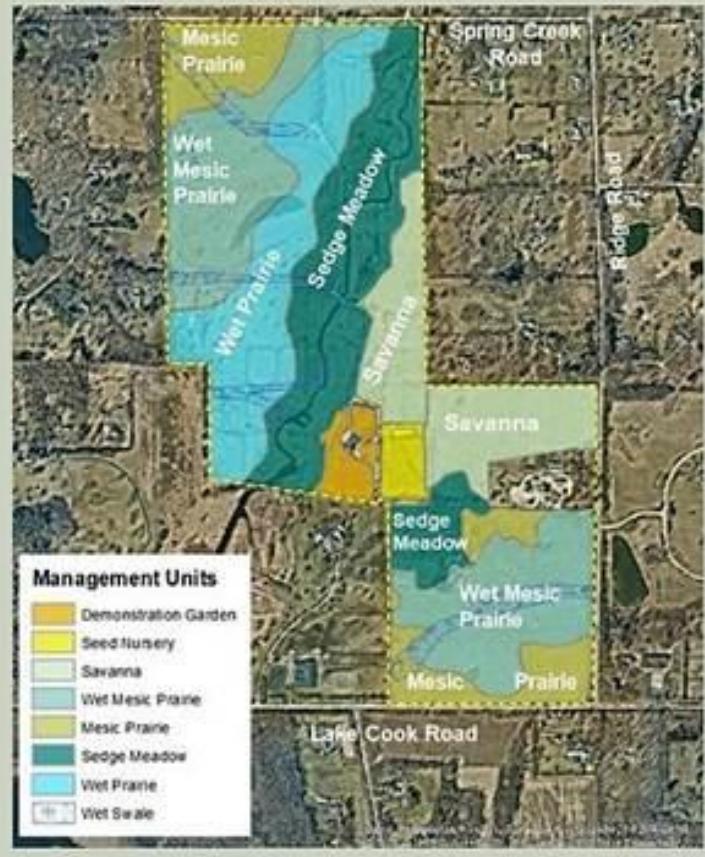
Over the coming years, the CFC plans to restore this property to its original natural splendor before European settlement and farming. Restored land will include prairie, sedge meadow, marsh, and savanna areas. This will help bring back native plant and wildlife species with plans for a rare native plant seed garden. Plans also provide for new opportunities to increase surface water filtration, enhance the quality of local groundwater, and increase wetlands. The restored areas will create habitat for many native plant and aquatic communities, grassland birds, wildlife that originally occupied this land, and will support endangered species such as Monarch Butterflies and Rusty-patched Bumblebees. Public access to the preserve will be provided through activities sponsored by the CFC including opportunities for school children and volunteers to engage with nature. Though no horses remain on the property, possible horse trails will even be considered in the planning process.

The *Daily Herald* reported the acquisition and restoration costing an estimated \$10 million. Fortunately, the CFC has received a \$4.9 million grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. This award demonstrates the significant conservation value of this property. In addition, the CFC is seeking an additional \$5 million in fundraising and donor donations to supplement the land purchase, conduct ecological restoration, and manage the site for public enjoyment in the future. The Barrington-area members of the Duchossois family have indicated that they will be donating back a significant portion of the proceeds of the property sale to CFC for these efforts. The AH Garden Club will be making a donation this year to the CFC.

CFC is nationally recognized as a leader in conservation and restoration initiatives, developing restoration techniques, and creating collaborative programs like the Barrington Greenway Initiative, Spring Creek Watershed-Based Plan, and other regional plans. **Congratulations to CFC** on this incredible preserve acquisition!



Hill 'N Dale Preserve Restoration Concept



Are You Mowing Your Grass While It's Wet?

Bev Krams | Horticulture

Who recommended that it's OK to mow a wet lawn? Was it the landscapers that are out at 7:30am mowing your neighbor's lawns so they can get everyone's grass cut as quickly as possible? These landscapers are also the same people that cut everyone's lawn the same height because their lawn mower blades are not adjustable.

While early morning mowing may be convenient for YOUR schedule too, you are actually doing damage to your lawn. You want to get the cleanest cut you can achieve, to the blades of the grass. The BEST time to cut is when the grass has thoroughly dried. It is even recommended that you not mow when the sun is pounding down on your grass during those hot summer afternoons!! It can stress the lawn, not to mention you too!! So late afternoon or early evening DRY grass is the best choice.



Wet blades of grass are actually heavier than drier blades therefore flopping over not allowing you to get a clean cut. This is what creates 'cowlicks' leaving you with uneven cuts and tears in the blades of grass. Tears in the blade opens up 'wounds' for fungus spores and disease.

The wet grass will have a tendency to mat down and form clumps of grass. This is a perfect environment for the fungal disease 'brown spot'. Those wet clippings have a greater tendency to stick to your lawn mower deck, another perfect environment for mold to develop and spread to your turf grass.

For those of you who are still using GAS operated lawn mowers you need to be aware that moisture is a problem for the gasoline in the fuel tank. It is recommended to mix a stabilizer into the fuel tank. Metal parts of the mower especially the underside 'cakes' the grass causing rust, grass build up and actually impedes the motion of the blade stressing the engine.

Pay attention to those weather reports and cut the dry grass before it rains. Remember.....the only reason to mow a wet lawn would be because you are putting your house on the real estate market and you are showing it that day. DON'T MOW WET LAWNS!

Join us for the Winter Container Workshop

Barb Franks | Artistic

Start your holiday season by designing your own festive and fragrant winter planter. This fun hands-on class allows you to be creative, while making a beautiful outdoor container for your home. With some easy and helpful tips, your planter will be the envy of your friends, neighbors and holiday guests.

Date: Tuesday, November 30th @ 7-8:30 pm

Cost: \$30 for club members (limited to 35 participants)

Please pay by credit card on [website](#), or by check made payable to AHGC and mail your check to Barb Franks, 908 W. Campbell St., AH 60005 no later than November 12.

Location: St. Simon's Episcopal Church, 707 W. Kirchhoff Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

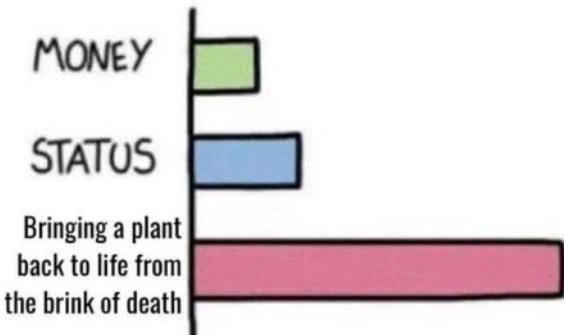
(Please note the class is on the lower level and there is a flight of stairs to get to the class area)

Materials provided for this workshop include planter, soil and fresh assorted evergreens – everything you need to create your masterpiece! Bring your holiday cheer, a pair of garden gloves and pruning shears.

If you have any questions please contact [Barb Franks](#) or call/text 847-612-8892



WHAT GIVES PEOPLE FEELINGS OF POWER



Board of Directors

President	Jim Spannagel
Vice President	Beth Ligenza
Secretary	Halina Zbilski
Treasurer	Pete Landwehr

Committee Chairs

Artistic	Barb Franks
Civics	Mike Relaz
	Dee Schurman
Club Awards	Emma Visee
Conservation	June Miller
Garden Walk	Linda Heller
	Karen Reeb
Horticulture	Bev Kramas
Hospitality	Marilyn Weber
	Joe Weber
Membership	Renie Norkiewicz
	Shelley Plischke
Newsletter	Mona Frisbie
Plant Sale	Bob Bruett
Programs	Nancy Asquini-Dean
Publicity	Lesley Jackson
	Connie Landwehr
Scholarship	Emma Visee
Website	Denise Nowak

Project Coordinators

Blood Drive, Lew Coffin
 Emma Visee, Garden Club Awards
 Claudette Norwell-Philipp, Student Partnership

Artistic Events

Would you like to participate in more artistic events? The Artistic Committee welcomes your input and ideas on what you are interested in doing!

Do you have artistic talents of your own that you would be willing to share with your fellow club members? We would love to hear about that too!

We welcome new members to become involved with our committee! If you have any questions, please email [Barb Franks](#) or call/text 847-612-8892.

BLUMEN GARDENS

815-895-3737 | 403 EDWARD ST. SYCAMORE, IL 60178

Save the Date

BLUMEN GARDENS

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
11.10-11.13

11.10 OPEN 3-8PM*
EVENING SOIRÉE
COCKTAILS | HORS D'OEUVRES
MUSIC | EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT
***TICKET REQUIRED - \$10**

11.11 OPEN 9-5PM
SHOPPING + SWEET TREATS
RAFFLES + DOOR PRIZES

11.12 OPEN 9-5PM
11-1PM WHISPERING PINES REINDEER RANCH
10-2PM TAILS ADOPTION
9-2PM MOZZAFIATO COFFEE + SWEETS

11.13 OPEN 9-3PM
SHOPPING + SWEET TREATS
STAY TUNED FOR WORKSHOP DETAILS

Treasurer's Report

Pete Landwehr / Treasurer

Arlington Heights Garden Club Treasurer's Report September, 2022

Checking Account Balance 8/31/22	Stmt Date	\$ 22,723.32	
Receipts:			
membership dues	9/14/22	25.00	Steinkuller
membership dues - CC website	9/14/22	25.00	Graziano
less: Credit Card Fees		\$ (5.89)	
Total		44.11	
Disbursements (cleared):			
Sieg Marketing	1523	7/31/22	1,134.48 GW booklets
Jim Spannagel	1529	8/11/22	195.47 Fast Signs
Garden Clubs of Illinois	1530	8/22/22	6.00 new member dues
Jim Spannagel	1531	8/30/22	149.90 zoom renewal
Joe Weber	1532	8/30/22	369.87 August picnic
District IX GCI	1533	9/6/22	10.00 Dues
Garden Clubs of Illinois	1534	9/12/22	12.00 2 new members
Renie Norkiewicz	1537	9/29/22	7.68 flower for meeting raffle
Total		1,885.40	
Checking Account Balance 9/30/22		\$ 20,882.03	
Receipts to be deposited			
Total undeposited receipts		\$ -	
Open invoices and checks written but not cleared			
Rich Lisy	1535	9/19/22	100.00 Thank You
Mark Lyons	1536	9/26/22	200.00 Sept Program
Total outstanding checks and invoices		\$ 300.00	
ADJUSTED CASH POSITION 9/30/22		\$ 20,582.03	

AHGC Board Meeting Summary - October 10th, 2022

Halina Zbilski / Recording Secretary

President - Jim Spannagel

- Eagle Scout candidate, Zac Nesvacil, presented his project to the board. \$300 was spent for seeds for many types of grasses (buffet for ducks) to be planted in October at Centennial Park. He is also planning to build a duck house to be placed near the pond for shelter. He is seeking donations, and is asking our Garden Club for monetary help. We will give Zac our final decision in about a week.
- Nancy Asquini-Dean is continuing the Blue Star Memorial research. She will be contacting District IX Blue Star chair, the American Legion, VFW, as well as the Park District and the Village of AH to discuss potential locations, and the National Garden Club to approve the location.
- Claudette discussed the difficulty involved with getting high school students from Hersey and Prospect Hts. High Schools engaged to assist on Garden Club projects. This is mainly due to getting their schedules to connect with our dates/times. Suggestions were made to schedule projects on weekends or after school, and to have the committee chairs contact Claudette directly as to dates/times of projects well in advance of the project. An idea from Beth was to connect with the moderator of "Harper Promise" which requires students to do volunteer work to obtain free education at Harper College. Another idea was to post on their Student Council bulletin board.

Secretary – Halina Zbilski

- The Sept 12th board minutes were approved by Renee and seconded by Nancy.

Treasurer – Pete Landwehr

- Pete presented the Treasurer's Report, which was approved.
- 8 people met at the Discretionary Donation meeting on Oct 3rd. \$10,000 was the total budgeted amount for Discretionary Donations 2022-23. \$150 was pre-allotted to the Eagle Scout project.
- There were minor changes to the draft of the 2022-23 budget, such as removing the Garden Walk raffle since raffles are only allowed for 501-c3 organizations. Although due to rising costs and an increase in membership, Hospitality budget needed to be bumped up for the Holiday Party and August BBQ. \$350 total was added to these two expenses. Conservation tree planting increases and Artistic committee container workshop may have to bump up their expense...more word forthcoming. Final approval for the budget will take place at next month's board meeting.

Civics – Mike Relaz and Dee Schurman

- Thanks from the Civics Committee to the 10 people who volunteered to clean up at the Historical museum.
- Another thank you letter was sent from Wheeling Township Food Pantry for the Viatorian Garden product donations. Thanks to everyone involved.

Horticulture – Bev Krams

- Bev is welcoming any suggestions for newsletter topics.

Membership – Renie Norkiewicz and Shelley Plischke

- Current membership is 122 members.

Programs – Nancy Asquini Dean

- October 24th—“Garden Tools Maintenance 101” by Any Greenamyer. In person at St. Simon’s.

Next Board Meeting: November 14, 2022